



WINERY WEDDINGS

at Sandhill Crane Vineyards

Thank you for your interest in a winery wedding at Sandhill Crane Vineyards. The Sandhill Crane Vineyards family would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations on your engagement. We hope you enjoy this special time in your lives, and we are proud to be a part of your family's beginning. It is our sincerest wish that you will find Sandhill Crane Vineyards the perfect location for your wedding day!

WEDDING PACKAGES

All wedding packages include:

- Your choice of ceremony location including the meadow, under the grape arbor, or indoors on the banquet room stage
- Rental of the banquet room for the entire day including reception time of up to 5 hours
- White table linens and napkins
- Complimentary cake cutting and plating
- 60" round tables, espresso-color wooden chairs, china, flatware, and glassware
- Indoor beverage station with lemonade, iced tea, and Zingerman's coffee
- On-site event coordinator
- Auxiliary tables for gifts, sign in, DJ, buffet, cake, etc
- Service staff throughout the event
- Complimentary dressing area for the bride
- Use of site for your rehearsal
- Lemonade and water station outdoors with SCV staff to direct your guests to the ceremony
- Limited wine tasting for your guests

PRICING

Wedding package - \$2200 (15% off for Fridays and Sundays)

This price does not include food, wine, or beer. In addition you are responsible for providing your own florist, photographer, wedding coordinator (if desired), DJ (or other music), and officiant.

BOOKING YOUR DATE

Dates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact us for specific date availability.

The following deposit is required to book your date:

Small weddings (up to 50 guests) - \$1000 + \$250 damage/cleaning deposit

Medium weddings (more than 50 guests) - \$1500 + \$250 damage/cleaning deposit

A 2nd deposit of 50% of your food costs is due 30 days prior to your event. Your deposits (less the damage/cleaning deposit) will be applied toward your final balance. The balance is due at the end of your event. If you are paying by credit card, please check with your issuing bank ahead of time to make sure the payment will be approved. Any unpaid debts will be turned over to the Jackson County Sheriff's department for prosecution.

In the event a rental party must cancel their date, we require a 30-day notice to return your deposit (less 25% cancellation fee). Cancellations made less than 30 days in advance of the event date are non-refundable.

For wedding receptions scheduled for the months of May through October, your deposit (less 25%) is returned only if your event is cancelled 90 days in advance. Cancellations made less than 90 days in advance of the event date are non-refundable.

A final count is due two weeks prior to your event. You will be charged for this count. If you need to add to the count after that time, you must contact the winery to find out if it is a possibility.

GROUP SIZE

Our banquet room seats 72 people on the main floor. For larger groups, auxiliary seating on the stage, in the alcove and private party room is available at an additional charge. For larger groups wishing an outdoor venue, please consult with us regarding the possibilities.

MENUS & FOOD

The menus at Sandhill Crane Vineyards are written to take advantage of as many local suppliers as possible. All food is prepared fresh on the premises. For a special meal that features our wines and freshly prepared, locally sourced foods, we highly recommend our *Small Plates* menu. The four- or five-course *Small Plates* menu pairs each course with one of our wines. It's the perfect way to learn more about food & wine pairing, and to taste our wines in the best possible setting. This particular menu is best suited for groups of 48 or fewer. **We require a full meal for all wedding receptions.** You may choose between our served or buffet dinner, 6-item hors d'oeuvres buffet, *Small Plates* menu, or served or buffet lunch (available before 3:00 pm).

Sandhill Crane Vineyards provides all food and beverage for your event. However, wedding cakes (made in a commercial kitchen) are permitted. This must be arranged with us in advance of your event. If you wish a simpler wedding cake, cheesecake, or cupcakes, we ask that you order it from us.

If you choose to take photos after the ceremony (during a cocktail time), we require that you order at least one item from our hors d'oeuvres menu. This will allow your guests to enjoy the bar and hors d'oeuvres while you are busy with the photographers.

WINE

Our wine is the core of our operation. All menus are developed to highlight the award-winning wines made here at the winery. We also hold a Micro Brewer license and are happy to produce beer to order for your special event. We brew all beer to order so we need a minimum of 4-6 weeks lead time to make your beer. Please see our Beer Price List for more information. As a holder of a Small Wine-maker's License through the MLCC and TTB, it is illegal to have any other alcohol on the premises. **Your group may not bring any other alcoholic beverages on the premises. There are no exceptions to this rule. Any outside alcohol will be confiscated. Multiple incidents at a single event will result in loss of your damage deposit.**

Your bar may be handled in one of three ways:

- 1) offer an **open bar** (you will be billed for any glasses or bottles ordered during the event),
- 2) offer a **limited open bar** (you select the wines that will be offered ahead of time and we only bill you for the bottles that get opened) or
- 3) offer a **cash bar** (if your guests wish to order glasses or bottles we will charge them for it).

If you decide to offer an open bar but would like to put a limit on the amount spent or the specific wines available, we are happy to honor that request.

Please note: Under Michigan law, it is illegal to serve intoxicated persons (regardless of whether they are driving or not). Anyone visibly intoxicated will not be served. Any guest causing trouble (verbally or physically) will be asked to leave the premises immediately.

No alcohol is available to the wedding party or guests prior to the ceremony.

PARKING

We can accommodate approximately 80 cars parked at the winery location. If you require more parking, the parking lot at the East Jackson Middle School is available with advanced notice and approval by the East Jackson Schools. The lot is approximately 1/4 mile south of the winery on Walz Road. You must provide shuttle service for your guests to and from the EJMS parking lot. We are happy to suggest companies that can provide this service. SCV requests that you make a minimum donation to the schools of \$50 for use of their parking lot.

DECORATIONS

You are welcome to decorate both the ceremony and reception areas with your own decorations. They might include colored table linens, flowers, fairy lights, chair covers, etc. If you wish more elaborate decorations that will require room repair, please contact us for a price quote.

After your event, we ask that you clean up your own decorations.

MUSIC

We are happy to work with you to accommodate your music choice(s) for the event. Please note that all loud music (DJs, band, etc) must finish by 10:00 pm and all other music by 10:30 pm. All musicians and DJs must be packed up and out of the building by the end of your event.

PROJECTOR AND SCREEN

Our wall-mounted screen is available for your use at no charge. You may rent our digital projector at \$25 per event (computer not included). Standard wireless is available in limited bandwidth at no charge. Because of limited availability in our rural area, wireless for streaming video is not available at this time.

GRATUITY & SALES TAX

We will add an 20% gratuity to your food & beverage bill in addition to 6% Michigan sales tax.

DAMAGE

You are liable for any damage done to the premises during your private function. Sandhill Crane Vineyards is not liable for loss or damage of any personal property. If there are no cleaning costs, damages, or alcohol infractions, your damage deposit will be returned to you approximately 1 week after your event. A check will be sent to you at the address we have on file.

CHILDREN

A winery is not a particularly suitable place for children, but we strive to give Sandhill Crane Vineyards a family-friendly atmosphere. Children are certainly permitted (if you wish to invite them). Children under 3 are free, ages 3 to 9 are half-price, and 10 and over are full price. All our meals (except breakfast/brunch) include lemonade as a non-alcoholic beverage alternative. Our child's meal includes chicken nuggets and dipping sauce, pasta with butter and Parmesan cheese, and fresh fruit.

CELLAR OPERATIONS TOUR

We are happy to provide a tour of our wine cellar operations for you and your guests at no additional charge. Tours must be arranged at least 3 days prior to your event. The tour can accommodate a maximum of 20 guests per tour.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are interested in holding your wedding with us we would love to meet with you, show you around the facility, and answer any questions you might have. To arrange an appointment please contact our Private Event Coordinator at privateevents@sandhillcranevineyards.com or by phone, 517.764.0679.

Wedding Policies

PLANNING

Our Private Event Coordinator will be happy to meet with you as often as necessary to plan your event with us. She is also available via email and phone. Please note that she is not always in the office so we ask that you set up an appointment for any meetings. She does not act as your wedding coordinator but is very happy to work with you on all aspects of your wedding and reception as it pertains to our venue. She (or another representative) will be onsite for your entire event.

REHEARSAL

Sandhill Crane Vineyards provides ceremony rehearsal space the day prior to your wedding, based on availability times.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Sandhill Crane Vineyards winery and grounds provide beautiful locations for your wedding photos. You are welcome to take photos outdoors at any time. If the winery is open, we ask that you not interrupt our normal operations.

GROUNDS & BUILDING

Sandhill Crane Vineyards is a working farm so we are unable to guarantee the look of the vineyards on a specific date. All efforts will be made to mow the lawn, clean up any brush, and tend to the garden in the area of your ceremony.

If you are planning an outdoor ceremony, Sandhill Crane Vineyards cannot be held responsible for inclement weather conditions. In those conditions we will work with you to find an alternative space for your ceremony.

No confetti, indoor sparklers, rice, artificial flowers, or glitter may be used on the premises for any

purposes. Drip candles are not allowed. No balloons are allowed without an additional \$250 damage deposit. This is the actual cost for us to rent scaffolding and retrieve a balloon that gets twisted in a ceiling fan.

EXTRA RENTAL SPACES

If you require more space than our banquet room, adjacent areas are available for rent:

Alcove (seats up to 16) - \$50 hour or \$400 for the entire day

Private party room (seats up to 40)

Saturdays - \$60/hour

Fridays and Sundays - \$40/hour

SANDHILL PIANO

The piano on the stage is the property of a private individual and is not available for use. If you wish to contract with him to play at your event please contact us for more information.

MUSIC & VENDOR POLICY

It is the client's responsibility to provide the music and sound for the wedding ceremony and reception. You may employ a band, small instrumental group, or solo musician. All loud music must be turned off promptly at 10:00 pm and all other music at 10:30 pm.

CHOICE OF ENTREE & SPECIAL DIETS

You may choose up to two entrees for a served dinner. If you choose this option, a place card for each guest is required, and provided by the client, designating which entree selection has been chosen by your guests. Entree counts are required when the final count is provided. If you choose two entrees please note that all your guests will receive the same two side dishes.

We are happy to provide selections for your individual guests with special dietary requirements including vegan, gluten free, nut free, and dairy free. This information is required at least 3 weeks in advance.

BEVERAGE POLICY

We hold a manufacturer's license through the Michigan Liquor Control Commission which allow us to make, serve, and sell wine, fortified wine, and beer. Under this license, we are unable to have any outside alcohol on the premises. We reserve the right to close any event where other alcoholic beverages are being served or consumed anywhere on the premises.

Sandhill Crane Vineyards is required by law to ask for proof of age for anyone looking 30 or younger. Any guest who is unable to provide a valid ID will not be served alcohol. No exceptions. We encourage the enjoyment of our wine and beer in a responsible manner and ask the client to help us in fulfilling our legal obligations of refusing service to those appearing to be intoxicated. Any guests providing alcohol to an underage drinker, as well as the underage drinker will be asked to leave the premises immediately.

Sandhill Crane Vineyards reserves the right to close down the bar at any time if guests are consuming outside liquor or threatening the health and safety of the Sandhill staff or other guests. Last call for beverage service will be at least 30 minutes prior to the conclusion of the reception.

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST

An estimated bill will be provided to you once you provide Sandhill with your menu choices and

final count. It will not include the bar totals if you have selected an open or limited bar. For informational purposes only, we generally see bar tabs in the range of \$350 to \$1200, with most in the \$400-\$650 range.

Frequently Asked Questions

How late can my reception go?

We ask that you be completely out of the building (with decorations removed) by midnight at the latest.

Do you offer discounts for off-season or during the week?

Yes, we offer a 15% discount on the wedding package for Fridays and Sundays. Additional discounts are available for Monday through Wednesday and the months of November through April. Please consult our Private Event Coordinator for more information.

Is there a cake cutting fee? How do you serve the cake?

No, we will cut, plate, and serve your cake at no additional cost. If the cake is to be served after your dining hours, it generally works best for us to place it on our bar or buffet table and allow your guests to help themselves.

We'd like to have dancing after the dinner is cleared. Is that possible?

Yes, we will clear several of the tables in the center of the room and remove them to provide space for dancing. The chairs are placed against the wall so there is still room for your guests to sit. It is helpful if you will alert those guests so they will be prepared when it's time to remove the tables.

Can I bring in my own alcohol?

No, under our manufacturer's liquor license only beer and wine made on the premises are permitted. Bringing outside alcohol could jeopardize our liquor license and it is not tolerated. All outside alcohol will be confiscated and any guests with outside alcohol will be asked to leave. A 2nd infraction will lead to a loss of your damage deposit.

Can I have a cash bar?

Absolutely. We have three styles of bar options available and will be happy to discuss them with you.

Can I provide my own caterer?

No, other than elaborate wedding cakes, we require that all other food come from Sandhill's kitchen.

Is there a fee for the ceremony?

No, your ceremony is included.

Do you have a place for the bride and groom to get ready?

We have a cubicle on the 2nd floor reserved for the bride's dressing room. Generally the groom will get ready in our men's room. We ask that a maximum of 5 people be in the dressing room at one time. The desks in the 2nd floor office are not available for use by wedding parties.

What if I only want a reception?

We would love to have you hold your reception with us!

Do I need to provide a wedding coordinator?

We do not provide a coordinator, but one of our staff will be on-site through your entire event. Wedding coordinators are not required but they can help you with your organization and keep the day running smoothly.

Do we need to rent chairs for our ceremony?

Yes, if you would like chairs for your guests we would be happy to provide you with a list of local rental agencies. They generally charge \$1-\$2 per chair.

Are custom labels available?

Yes, contact us for more information.

What methods of payment do you accept?

We accept all major credit cards (including Discover and AmEx), checks, and cash.

When is payment due?

Your deposit is due when you decide to book a date. If you wish to make periodic payments, you are welcome to do so. A 2nd deposit of approximately 50% of your food costs is due 30 days before your ceremony date. The balance is due at the end your event. If you are paying by credit card, please check with your issuing bank ahead of time to make sure the payment will be approved. Any unpaid debts will be turned over to the Jackson County Sherrif's department for prosecution.

I understand that outside food is not permissible. What about edible favors?

We are happy to allow wrapped food as favors. This might include chocolate truffles, tiny packages of candy, etc.

I'd like to use wine glasses as favors. Do you have a discounted rate for quantities?

Yes, our Sandhill glasses are available for purchase at \$3.00 each.

What happens if we want to begin our ceremony during winery open hours?

The meadow (where most ceremonies are held) is secluded from the general public. But it is our experience that most winery customers are honored to be on the premises during a wedding and are completely respectful of you and your guests.

Where can we hold our ceremony?

Most ceremonies are held in an area we call the meadow. It is on the eastern section of the property, surrounded by grape vines, apple trees, and a vegetable garden. Some couples choose to hold their ceremony under the grape arbor in the front of the winery building. Chairs are then set up theater-style just to the south of the arbor along the front of the building. If you choose a different site, it just needs to be okayed by our Private Events Coordinator.

We are looking for accommodations for out-of-town guests. Do you have any recommendations?

If you'd all like to stay together, you might consider renting a house at Hankerd Inn in Pleasant Lake. Other highly recommended accommodations are the Holiday Inn in Jackson and the Comfort Inn in Chelsea.

What size tables are available?

We generally use round tables for weddings. They are 60" across and seat 6-8 guests. If you prefer, we also have 72" rectangular tables available along with a limited number of cocktails tables.

We'd like the meal served family style. Is that available?

Yes, but we charge an additional \$5 per person due to the high volume of food waste.

What happens to the leftover beer and wine at the end of the night?

We will cork any open wine bottles and send them home with you. If there is any leftover beer you are welcome to bring growlers and we will fill them up and send them home with you.

If we use 12 bottles of wine or more, will we get your 10% case discount?

Yes.

The wedding package includes up to 5 hours of reception time. Can we pay for a longer reception?

We allow receptions up to 6 hours. The additional hour rental would be: Saturday - \$200, Friday or Sunday - \$125

May our guests use the outside patio?

Yes. The tables are set up in a configuration for use by winery customers during open hours. Your guests are welcome to use the entire deck after closing.